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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

EVE CURIE, daughter of famed discoverer of radium: "I am glad of the discovery of atomic energy, for I believe it will eventually do a great deal of good, but I am relieved that my mother never knew her discovery would lead eventually to the atomic bomb." 1-Q

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ADM W H P BLANDY, U S Navy: "When people ask me if there is going to be another war, I don't mean to be facetious when I reply that there always has been." 2-Q

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LESTER B PEARSON, Canadian Min of External Affairs: "Fear which presently grips the world would tend to melt away under the warm radiance of Mr Stalin's smile—if he could only hold it and if it were the smile of genuine friendship." 3-Q

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LADY ASTOR, Mbr of British Parliament: "Communists and Socialists want people to apologize for having any money. They ought to apologize for not having it." 4-Q

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DAVID LILIENTHAL, chmn, Atomic Energy Commission: "I have a very deep faith that the earth was not created to be destroyed by the hand of man." 5-Q

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REV VASSIL ZIAPKOV, head of Congregational church in Bulgaria, chief defendant in treason trial of 15 Protestant clergymen: "I repented completely that we pastors became tools of the enemy, who was bribing us with money and education; that we pastors be-

came tools of an enemy who wanted to organize disorder and dissension in Bulgaria. We became tools of American capitalism." 6-Q

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DR EDWIN G NOURSE, chief-presidential economic adviser: "The nation has entered a healthy period of disinflation." 7-Q

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ALBERT EINSTEIN,* world-famed physicist: "I can make more money writing books that people will not read than by writing one they will read." 8-Q

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DR ROB'T M HUTCHINS, Univ of Chicago chancellor: "If the world has the courage to organize politically as it has industrially and socially, it may yet survive." 9-Q

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CHINESE COMMUNIST soldier, talking of day when China will enjoy U S mechanical wonders: "Twenty yrs after all China is communist we shall have Automat restaurants." 10-Q

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CHAS J LYNN, pres of board of trustees, Hanover College, denouncing Fed'l aid to education: "Too many people look at public funds as they look at a grab-bag or goods spilled from a wreck." 11-Q

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ROSCOE DRUMMOND, head of Washington news bureau, *Christian Science Monitor*: "What this country needs is less public speaking and more private thinking." 12-Q

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CAPT JAS GALLAGHER, of Melrose, Minn, chief pilot and comdr of Lucky Lady II, B-50 medium

bomber which made air history by circling globe nonstop in 94 hrs and 1 min: "It seems to me you can go just about anywhere in the world at any time." 13-Q

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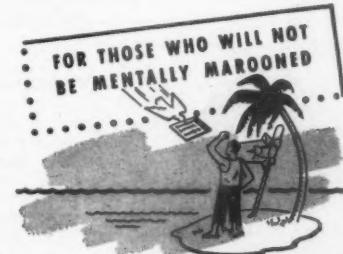
VLADIMAR V SKOROBOGATY, Byelorussia's new UN delegate whose name, in Russian, means "get rich quick": "There is no conflict at all between my name and socialistic principles." (According to *N Y Times*, Molotov means "hammer," Stalin "steel," and Gromyko "thunder.") 14-Q

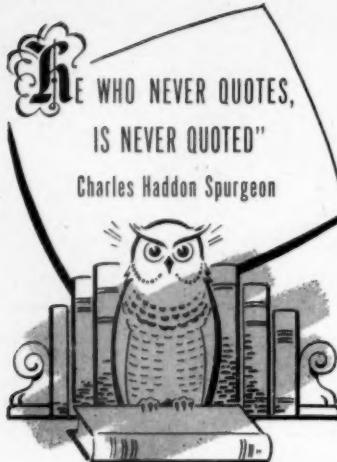
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ANTONIN ZAPOTOCKY, Communist Premier of Czechoslovakia: "Give the workers in the capitalist democracies the weapons and in that very moment, there will be no capitalist democracies." 15-Q

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WINSTON CHURCHILL, former British prime min, declaring UN powerless to prevent a new war, calling for a United Europe as regional pillar in an effective world organization: "It is vain to build the dome of the Temple of Peace without the pillars on which alone it can stand." 16-Q





AIR AGE—1

With the upping of air speeds, the flier who lunches in N Y and picks up a hamburger on his arrival in Calif is eating between meals.—SEN SOAPER, *Syndicated Col.*

BREVITY—2

Wm Jennings Bryan* had this inscription placed in the wedding ring he gave to his wife: "Won 1880. One 1884."—PAXTON HIBBEN, *Peerless Leader*, Wm. Jennings Bryan. (Farrar)

BUSINESS—3

The gambling known as business looks with austere disfavor on the business known as gambling.—W. P. TUTTLE, *Canadian Business*.

CHARACTER—4

"I cannot see why you esteem the character of Wordsworth so highly," a friend remarked to the poet Coleridge. "He appears to me to be a very small man."

"I don't wonder that he does," rejoined Coleridge. "He runs so far ahead of us that he dwarfs himself in the distance."—ANDREW MEREDITH, *Christian Herald*.

CHILDREN—Example—5

One father was upset because his son, who was treas of the local

boy's club had altered his crude records to cover a deduction of \$5 for ice-cream sodas and hot dogs for the treas . . .

"Why get excited over 5 bucks?" demanded the youngster. "I heard Pop tell Mom that he'd beaten the Treasury out of \$500 on his income tax!"—DR EDW A STRECKER, chmn, Dep't of Psychiatry, Univ of Pa, "The Vanishing American Father." This Wk, 2-20-'49.

CONVERSATION—6

Altho there are thousands of subjects for elegant conversation, there are persons who cannot meet a cripple without talking about feet.—Chinese Proverb.

CUSTOMS—7

Medieval men, being without mathematics, had odd means of measurement. They used the length of a rod or pole, the cast of a hammer or axe, but one of the queerest was a Swiss method of dealing with straying fowls.

The owner took his stand on the ridge of his roof, and taking the point of his sickle in his left hand threw it as far as he could. His hens could wander up to the place where it fell, but if they strayed beyond "to other folks' harm" the man was fined 3-pence for every 3rd fowl.—DOUGLAS NEWTON, *Universe*.

DRINK—Drinking—8

People who insist on drinking before driving are putting the qt before the hearse.—*Calgary Herald*.

EDUCATION—9

There are 3 kinds of educators, says historian Guy Stanton Ford, adapting a remark by the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. In one group belong those who teach only facts. Theirs are 1-story intellects. The 2nd group is composed of teachers who compare, reason, and generalize from facts. They have intellects rising 2 stories above the ground. But by far the

most valuable to society are mbrs of the 3rd group, those 3-story men and women who idealize, imagine, and predict and whose intellectual illumination comes from on high as thru a skylight.—*Nat'l Parent-Teacher*.

EGOTISM—10

Like roosters, some men believe that the sun rises to hear them crow.—*American Farm Youth*.

EUROPE—DP's—11

Nearly 4 yrs after the end of the war in Europe, close to a million men, women, and children still live the half-life of displaced persons. England has taken 78,000 of them from the inclosures of Germany, Austria, and Italy; Canada, 43,000. The U S, theoretically enabled under the discredited Wiley-Revercomb act to take 100,000 in the 1st yr, has rescued no more than 2,500 in a period of 7 mo's.—*Nation*.

FORGIVENESS—12

Only the brave know how to forgive; it is the most refined and generous pitch of virtue that human nature can arrive at.—LAURENCE STERNE,* 18th century English humorist.

GERMANY—13

Nails are so scarce in the Russian zone of Germany, German border police reported, that 1 nail can be traded for 1 egg.—A P.

GOOD—and Bad—14

It's a pity that "good" has acquired a taint, so that nowadays it hints of smugness, whereas "bad" almost always suggests something romantic, dashing, bold. Really, good people, if you get to know them thoroughly, are so much more interesting than bad, and so much more valuable to have as friends and neighbors.—JAS HILTON, *British Spot*.

GOVT—Red Tape—15

So many forms have to be filled out that at least half of all the

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items purchased for gov't use cost more to order than they are actually worth. To get \$1.25 worth of paper fasteners an employe has to fill out so many forms that it costs the gov't \$11.20 to get the fasteners.—*Life*.

HEALTH—Business—16

Industry is paying more and more att'n to the health of its exec's, according to a study by the Nat'l Industrial Conf Bd. The untimely deaths of many exec's, young and old, and the growing need for qualified leaders are probably responsible for the increased att'n to the well-being of this important group of employees.

The annual check-up was found to be the most popular schedule for exec personnel. It was found that exec's of 16.5% of the 333 establishments surveyed are req'd to undergo periodic physical examinations. Nearly 1/2 of the co's provide examinations.—*Commerce*, hm, Portland Chamber of Commerce.

HISTORY—17

There is a lot of history that isn't fit to repeat itself.—*Bluebird Briefs*, hm, Bluebird Bakeries.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—18

Our juvenile delinquency problem, caused greatly by neglect of the parents, is not a new one. We think perhaps Julius Caesar* had a taste of it, for once in Rome, he noticed a lot of for'gn women, all carrying dogs or monkeys. He asked: "Do the women in their country never bear children?"

LABOR—19

With the laboring man in line for \$100 a mo pensions, 30-hr wk, higher wages, vacation pay, free medical care, etc, who wants to become an exec?—*Davenport (Ia) Democrat*.

LANGUAGES—20

The actual number of languages spoken in the world is put at 2,796.—*Montreal (Canada) Star*.

LAUGHTER—21

The most utterly lost of all days is the one in which you have not once laughed.—*Kasco Informant*.

LAW—Customs—22

A witness in our courts usually swears or affirms that he "will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth"— . . .

At a Ugandi tribal court, the witness must eat a roasted dog before giving testimony . . . Among the Akikuya of East Africa, the solemn oath is administered by beating a goat to death with a stone . . . A Congo tribe requires a witness to say, "May I be boiled if I do not tell the truth." . . . In the ancient Greek courts an accuser took his oath standing on a piece of a ram, a boar and a bull which had been sacrificed with certain prescribed ceremonies. — *ELLIOTT HUNT MARRUS, Inn Dixie, hm, Dinkler Hotels*.

MARRIAGE—23

In Mass, a 90-yr-old wife, on her wedding anniv, declared: "People don't work at being married these days. They don't realize love is a chore as well as a charm. Gracious, the modern girl thinks it's enough just to get glamorous and be looked at. Back in 1878, when I got married, women were more sensible. We tied our wedding knots with steel then. If a girl found her husband a problem she worked until she solved him. She didn't shop around for another man like they do now."—*JOHN A TOOMEY, America*.

OPPORTUNITY—24

Opportunity is as scarce as oxygen; men fairly breathe it and do not know it.—*Doc SANE, Wesley News*.

PATRIOTISM—25

Protection and patriotism are reciprocal. This is the road that all great nations have trod.—*JOHN C CALHOUN*,* in speech to U S House of Rep, Dec 12, 1811.

POETRY—26

In Australia an "advanced" jnl of poetry discovered a new poet, Erm Malley, and printed a number of his poems. It was later revealed that they had been concocted by 2 undergrads, and that one of their "poems":

"Swamps, marshes, borrow pits
and other

Areas of stagnant waters serve
As breeding grounds"
they had taken from a catalogue
of disinfectants. — *R F RATTRAY*,
"The Meaning of Truth," *Quarterly Review* (London), 1-49.

PROSPERITY—27

It doesn't mean you're prosperous
ous because you get enough credit

to live beyond your means.—*PHIL COOK, WCBS broadcast*.

PSYCHOLOGY—28

Want to make sure your inter-office memos are more carefully read? Put them in an envelope and mark "confidential"—guaranteed to increase readings 40%.—*LAUREEN STASSE, Mill & Factory*.



March 13-19, Camp Fire Girls Birthday Week

March 18
1901—d Susan B Anthony, American reformer
1901—d Benj Harrison, 23rd Pres of U S

March 19
1782—b Thos Hart Benton, American statesman
1804—b Johanna Strauss, Austrian composer
1879—b Albert Einstein, German physicist
1883—d Karl Marx, German socialist, agitator
1932—d Geo Eastman, American inventor

March 20
44 BC—d Julius Caesar, Roman gen, statesman, historian
1767—b Andrew Jackson, 7th Pres of U S
1854—b Emil von Behring, German bacteriologist & founder of immunology as science
1887—Labor Day made legal holiday
1898—d Sir Henry Bessemer, English engineer, inventor
1949—*Income tax returns due

March 21
1751—b Jas Madison, 4th Pres of U S
1802—West Point Academy established

March 22
1840—d Nicolo Paganini, Italian violin virtuoso
1844—b Frank Buck, American wild animal hunter
1948—5 W nations signed Brussels Pact for military co-operation
1949—*St Patrick's Day

March 23
1768—d Laurence Sterne, English humorist
1782—b John C Calhoun, American statesman
1837—b Grover Cleveland, 22nd Pres of U S
1844—b Nicolas Andreievich Rimsky-Korsakov, Russian composer
1847—b James E Canfield, American educator
1868—b Neville Chamberlain, British statesman
1903—b Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian statesman

March 24
1813—b David Livingstone, Scottish explorer
1821—b Richard F Burton, translator of "Arabian Nights"
1860—b Wm Jennings Bryan, American political leader, orator
1907—d Thos Bailey Aldrich, American poet, editor
1920—d Capt Roald Amundson, Norwegian polar explorer
1930—d Sir Arthur Jas Balfour, British statesman, author
*Relevant mat'l in current issue. See items thus marked.



ATOMIC ENERGY—By-Products:

New lubricant which won't oxidize, decay, or burn has been discovered by scientists experimenting in nuclear fission. Discoverers say it will outlast machine in which used and that it is a by-product of the gaseous diffusion method for concentrating uranium. Gives every promise of becoming industrially useful. (*Grit*)

ELECTRONICS: Glass coffee makers that require no stove or hot plate result from development of new electrically conductive coatings. Thin, transparent, tough and tenacious, the coatings can be varied to produce any desired electrical resistance from 10 to 10,000 ohms. As it passes thru such coatings, a current generates heat. Coatings may also be used on radiant heaters, heat interchangers and defrosters. (*N Y Times*)

HOUSEHOLD AIDS: Liquid sandpaper can be wiped on with a cloth, doesn't need to be rinsed. Kills gloss on enameled, varnished or lacquered surfaces and removes traces of polish, wax and embedded dirt at same time. (*McCall's*)

SAFETY DEVICES: A mfr in Switzerland recently perfected a parachute watch said to eliminate human element in pulling ripcord to permit life-saving device to open. Dial is set to open parachute at desired altitude. (*Townsend Nat'l Wkly*)

TRAILERS: Two-story trailer on exhibit at annual trailer coach show in Chicago has 2nd floor with 3 bedrooms, besides double bedroom space downstairs. For road traveling, 2nd-story is lowered with a hydraulic lift, collapsible walls fold up. Another model sports 2nd-floor collapsible sun deck, and built-in dog house. (*A P*)

PUBLIC OPINION—Influence—29

Too much of newspaper propaganda and speaking seeks to inflame people rather than to inform them.—Rev CLINTON C Cox, Drexel Park Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

PURPOSE—30

A good thing to remember, and a better thing to do,

Is work with the construction gang and not with the wrecking crew.—*Gas Flame*, hm, Citizens Gas & Coke Utility Co.

QUALITY—31

Quality is never an accident. It is the result of discriminating judgments brought to skillful execution thru scientific efforts and maintained by careful supervision.—FRANK CAMPUS, Pres, Polymer Industries, Inc, *Mgt Review*.

RACE—Equality—32

One popular story, during the days when Abolitionists were pushing their battle against slavery, had to do with a precocious child who had overheard a discussion on the race problem at the dinner table.

At dessert, one gentleman guest who had been most articulate in his condemnation of the Negroes, asked the child if she would kindly pass some grapes to him. The child stubbornly insisted on giving him white grapes, rather than the black ones requested. Annoying tho the child's actions were, the man passed them off with a shrug and said: "One kind is as good as another. The only difference is the color of the skin."

"And why, then," the indignant child demanded, "do you persist in refusing the same concession to Negroes?"—EDW WASHINGTON, *Negro Digest*.

SACRIFICE—33

People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa.

Is that a sacrifice which brings its own blest reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious hereafter? Can that be called sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a debt owing to God which can never be repaid? It is emphatically no sacrifice. It is a privilege.—DAVID LIVINGSTONE, quoted in *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

SOCIALISM—34

When Stalin and Trotsky were having their dust-up over whether socialism could be built in 1 country, 2 peasants took the question to a holy man. Which was right, they asked, Stalin or Trotsky?

The holy man listened thoughtfully. Then he gave his verdict: "My children," he said, "in this dispute Stalin is right. Socialism can be built in 1 country. But—while they are doing this, it is much wiser to live in some other country."—W L WHITE, *Land of Milk and Honey*. (Harcourt Brace)

SPEECH—Inspiration—35

I once asked a class of exec's I was training for the N Y Telephone Co to jot down every idea for a speech that occurred to them during the wk. It was Nov. One man saw Thanksgiving Day featured in red on his calendar and spoke about many things he had to be thankful for. Another man saw pigeons on the st. He spent a couple of evenings in the public library and gave a talk

St Patrick and the Serpent

Many traditions have grown up about the life of St Patrick. One relates to the expulsion of snakes from Ireland . . . He had banished them all except one old serpent, which refused to leave. St Patrick, according to the story, made a box and invited the serpent to enter it. The serpent objected on the ground that it was not big enough to hold him, but St Patrick insisted that it was large enough to be comfortable. After a long discussion the serpent finally agreed to enter the box to prove that it was too small. As soon as the serpent was safely inside, the saint shut the lid, fastened it and threw it into the sea.—GEO WM DOUGLAS, *The American Book of Days*. (H W Wilson)

In Ireland the murmur of the sea is sometimes thought to be the pleading of the snakes and toads to come back to the land. They have been murmuring ever since St Patrick drove them into the sea many centuries ago.—*Grit*. 36

about pigeons that I shall never forget.

But the prize winner was a man who had seen a bedbug crawling up a man's collar in the subway. He went to the library, uncovered some startling facts about bedbugs, and gave us a talk that I still remember after 15 yrs.—DALE CARNEGIE, "Simple Secrets of Public Speaking," *Coronet*, 2-49.

SUCCESS—37

It is doubtful if anyone ever made a success of anything who waited around until all the conditions were "just right" before starting.—*World Call*.

TAXES—38

Don't forget to fill out your income tax* blankety blanks.—*Pathfinder*.

An income tax form is like a laundry list—either way you lose your shirt.—FRED ALLEN, radio & film comedian.

Taxation: The art of plucking the goose to secure the greatest amt of feathers with the least amt of squawking.—Origin unknown.

UTILITY—Value—39

Nothing can have value without being an object of utility. If it be useless, the labor contained in it is useless, cannot be reckoned as labor, and cannot therefore create value.—KARL MARX,* *Capital*.

VALUES—Changing—40

The 1768 edition of the Encyclopedie Britannica dispensed with the *Atom* in 4 sentences. *Love* was discussed for 5 full pages. In the latest edition of up-to-the-min facts for a nervous world, however, the *Atom* rates 9 pages and *Love* gets nothing!—*This Wk*.

VETERANS—41

Veterans' Administration reports 18,800,000 living war veterans, 14,900,000 of them veterans of World War II. The U S has paid a total of \$48,728,561,681.17 for veterans' aid over the yrs.—*Survey Bulletin*.

VIEWPOINT—42

The truth is it is only possible to feel monotony when you are unable to see the difference between one woman and the next. To the dullest person everything is

monotonous and to the most aware nothing is.—C T WILLIAMSON, *Convoy thru the Dream*. (Macmillan)

WAGES—Salaries—43

People are paid wages for doing the things they are told to do. People are paid salaries for doing whatever is up to them to do without being told. The difference in words is small but the difference in dollars is amazing.—*Mgt Briefs*, hm, Rogers and Slade, Mgt Consultants.

WAR—44

A world can be talked into war, just as a healthy man can be talked into bed by the constant irritation on the part of his friends that he has the appearance of illness.—V-Pres ALBEN W BARKLEY.

WOMEN—Mgrs—45

I don't know why it is that men think women are not good mgrs, when a woman can manage to walk along a st on a windy day carrying a pocketbook, 3 small pkgs, 2 big pkgs, a long one and a flat one, and still have a hand to hold her hat on and one to keep her dress down.—ZULA BENNINGTON GREENE, *Capper's Wkly*.

WORK—Analysis—46

A farmer who took over his household for a day while his wife went to town wrote this work-analysis of his day:

Opened door for children—106 times.

Tied their shoes—16.
Shouted "Don't Georgie"—94.
Stopped quarrels—17.
Spread bread with jelly—11.
Ans'd phone—7.
Wiped noses—19.
Ans'd questions—145.
Lost temper—45.
Ran after children—about 4% mi's.

—GIDEON M VARGA, "Should Your Wife Be Fired?" *American Magazine*, 2-49.

WORLD AFFAIRS—47

The blue-prints for a new world are looking bluer and bluer.—*Dublin Opinion*.

VIEWPOINT—48

John Ringling North tells of the Yucopí Troupe, a group of high-tossing acrobats. In filling out a questionnaire they rep'd "None," to the question about accidents, altho many of them have had



Man of the Ages

Carved in the white walls of the Riverside Church in N Y, the figures of 600 great men of the ages—saints, philosophers, kings—stand in limestone immortality. One panel enshrines the geniuses of science, 14 of them, spanning the centuries from Hippocrates, who died around 370 B C, to Albert Einstein,* who will be 70 yrs old March 14th. It is noteworthy that Einstein is the only living man in this whole sculptured gallery of the illustrious dead.

We must remember that if the animal part of human nature is our foe, the thinking part is our friend. We can and must use that part now, or human society will disappear in a new and terrible dark age of mankind, perhaps forever.—ALBERT EINSTEIN, Hollywood Reporter.

Of the thousands of people who worship wkly at Manhattan's most spectacular Protestant church, probably 99% would be hard pressed to explain why Einstein's image is there. It is there because when the iconography of the church was being planned, Dr Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote letters to a group of the nation's leading scientists asking them to submit lists of 14 greatest names in scientific history. Their ballots varied. Most of them included Archimedes, Euclid, Galileo and Newton. But on every list appeared the name of Albert Einstein.—LINCOLN BARNETT, *The Universe and Dr Einstein*. (Sloane)

bad falls. They explained: "In the circus we look upon it this way: it isn't an accident unless it's fatal."—*Magazine Digest*.

GOOD STORIES

They were discussing a certain undefeatable and irrepressible politician.

"Well," summed up the smoke-room philosopher. "I'll tell you this about him. He might have typhoid and recover; he might have pneumonia, and recover; he might have cerebral meningitis, and recover; he might have yellow fever, and recover; but—if he ever had lock-jaw, by gad, sir, he'd burst!"—*Montreal (Canada) Star.*

According to the latest magazines in doctors' waiting rooms, we are about to win the war.—*Briggs Assembler, hm, Briggs Mfg Co.*

Just before Joe died he made his wife promise she wouldn't marry again. When Jones heard about this, he said: "That was just like Joe, always doing something to help his fellow men." — *Rocky Mountain Empire Magazine.*

The "haylift" demonstrated the difference between Russia and America: here cattle are treated like people.—*Pathfinder.*

A teacher asked: "If a number of sheep is called a flock, and a number of quail is called a bevy, what would a number of camels be called?" The 9-yr-old ad reader ans'd: "A carton."—*BENNETT CERP, King Features Syndicate.*

Courage shows in a woman's eyes; pluck in her nicely arched brows.—*Wall St Jnl.*

A young pastor announced nervously one morning, "I'll take for my text the words, 'And they fed 5 people with 5,000 loaves of bread and 2,000 fishes.'"

At this misquotation, an older mbr of the congregation said audibly: "That's no miracle—I can do it myself."

The young preacher said nothing at the time, but the next Sunday he announced the same text. This time he got it right: "And they fed 5,000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fishes." He waited a moment,

You Can Use

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

BILLY ROSE

Once, when Gene Fowler, Ben Hecht and Jimmy Durante were visiting us, it was decided to go deep-sea fishing at an incredibly early hr.

On the appointed morning, we had to pull the sheets from under Durante to wake him. As he stumbled drowsily along to the garage, I noticed that he was belligerently smacking every tree we passed. "When I have to get up at this hr," Schnozzola said, "no boid is goin' t' sleep."—*Wine, Women and Words.* (Simon & Schuster)

and then, leaning over the pulpit and looking at the amen corner he said, "And could you do that too, Brother?"

"Of course I could," the deacon repl'd.

"And how would you do it?"

"Why I would do it with what you had left over from last Sunday's sermon, of course."—*Cosmopolitan.*

In a lounge of a large hotel, which happened to be patronized by black-mkt operators, 2 doctors were comparing notes. One remarked to the other: "I've got a great many cases of hysteria." A man leaned across and whispered: "I'll take the lot, mister."—*Connaught Telegraph.*

"So you're not going to Rome this yr?" declared the neighbor.

"Oh, no," Mrs Blank corrected her. "It's Paris we're not going to this yr. It was Rome we didn't go to last yr."—*Feature.*

The workman who had just completed the sidewalk in front of my neighbor's new home was at her doorstep, glowing with pride.

"Lady, you'll not find a smoother job of sidewalk laying in all . . ." Exclamations and a vol of unprintable language followed as he

turned and spied a 3-yr-old gleefully wading up thru the center of his newly laid concrete.

"I thought you were fond of children," my neighbor quickly broke in.

Cried the workman, "In the abstract—yes, but in the concrete—NO!"—*Popular Home.*

We wouldn't be a bit surprised if by now the dove of peace has become a little cuckoo!—*Rotator, Abilene, Tex, Rotary Club.*

Frank Buck,* visiting a Midwestern zoo, thought the supt was asking him a riddle when he said: "What has 24 feet, green eyes and a pink body with purple stripes?"

"I don't know. What?" responded Buck.

"I don't know either," came the reply, "but you'd better pick it off your neck."—*Capper's Wkly. h*

The adventure in socialized medicine has been the butt of jokes, like this one, currently making the round in London:

A Nat'l Health Service patient went to see his doctor. He walked thru the front door and found himself facing 2 more doors marked "Male" and "Female."

In Brisbane, Australia, they're telling the story of the capitalist, fascist, communist and unionist who were in a boat when it suddenly sank.

First to drown was the capitalist who tried to save too many of his belongings and was dragged down. Next was the fascist, who made no progress because he raised 1 arm in stiff salute.

The communist was so busy shouting propaganda that his mouth filled with water and he sank. The unionist was swimming along fine when a whistle blew. Then he sank.—*Chicago Daily News.*

He went thru the door for males and saw another corridor with 2 doors, one marked "Over 21" and the other "Under 21."

Thru the "Over 21" door were yet 2 more, marked "Married" and "Single." Next choice of 2 doors was "Conservative" and "Socialist."

He went thru the one marked "Conservative" and found himself in the st.—*Pathfinder.* j

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"I am surprised that your mother agreed to your marrying Bill when she dislikes him so."

"Well, she said that she just wants to be his mother-in-law a while."—*Wayne Twp Courier.* k

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They say Lincoln wasn't handsome but on a \$5 bill he certainly looks good.—Watchman-Examiner.

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Sambo was hired on a ry gang. At the close of the 1st shift he was all tired out and sought the boss.

"Mister, yo' sho' yo' all got my right name down on the payroll?"

"Sure," said the boss. "Here's your name—Sambo Simpson. That right?"

"Yes, suh," repl'd Sambo. "Ah just thought you might have me down as Samson!" — *American Box.* l

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Husband: What's left of a sweetheart after the nerve has been killed.—Ensign News, hm, African Clothing Factory Ltd. (Capetown, S Africa)

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A tenant farmer had come into the bank for a loan one early spring day. He wanted to borrow funds for putting in a crop of cucumbers. No, he didn't own the land—he was renting it. No, he didn't have any bonds, nor did he have a tractor or other automotive equipment. Well, yes, he did have some mules and a few cattle. The loan was arranged.

That yr happened to be a bonanza season for cucumbers. After he'd paid off his loan at the bank, he had a few hundred dollars left. As he was stowing his money away in his battered old

wallet, and preparing to leave, the officer suggested: "Why don't you let the bank take care of that money for you? Why not open an acc't with us and let us keep your money safe?"

Quick as a flash the erstwhile borrower came back with a question: "You got any cows or mules?"—*BELLE S HAMILTON, Banking.* m

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Congress is now confronted with the unsolved problem of how to get people to pay taxes they can't afford for services they don't need.—Grit.

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Around our home town in Ky, an old gentleman who ran a hardware store was noted for his drinking, it being said that every morning for at least 15 yrs he suffered the shakes. But he managed to tend his store. By afternoon you would never have thought, on appearance, that he was a drinker but by nightfall it was the same old story.

The young wife of another local tospott thought she would ask his advice, perhaps learning how to get her husband to taper off.

"Just how much does your husband drink, Ma'am?" asked the old gent.

"Why, he consumes a pt a day that I know of."

"Stop worryin'," was the reply. "He ain't no drinker. I spill that much a day!"—*N A Stowe, True. n*

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A Chicago woman asked a dept store clerk, who apparently was not busy, to wait on her. The saleswoman repl'd: "I'm not back from my lunch yet!"—*Smiles, hm, Lambert Malling Co.* o

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If there is any philosophy in a man, marriage will bring it out. — Philnews, hm, Phillips Petroleum Co.

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The King of England was quite upset over the way the British elections turned out, and sent for an American businessman to advise him.

"Tell me," King Geo said, "what would be the 1st and most important thing you would do today

Foot loose and fancy free...

If you are an average American bachelor, given to loud and frequent laments on the bite Uncle Sam takes out of your wkly honorarium, take comfort from the comparison of your plight with that of the single males of old.

In *Ancient Sparta* "loners" were deprived of the delight of watching the Spartan maidens at their annual gymnastic exercises, and were further humiliated by being compelled to march thru the mkt place in the dead of winter, completely disrobed, singing songs which ridiculed themselves.

In *Rome* unattached males were punished for allergy to matrimony by being barred from the baths, denied admission to the Coliseum, and given the equivalent of the Bronx cheer every time they appeared in public.

In *France*, of the 18th century, resistance to romance was penalized by exclusion from the "privilege of bearing arms or armor in defense of the country"—an honor which no Frenchman would dare deny himself.

In the *U S A* (March 15, 1949)* can any American bachelor now justify his blasts at the Bureau of Internal Revenue? Well, let every man answer for himself. As for me, a 15% cut for the BIR looks like a small price to pay for the foot-loose and fancy-free way of life.—*FRANK J FORD, Pageant.* p

if you were in my place?"

After thoroughly going thru the King's acc'ts, the American businessman repl'd: "Your Majesty, if I were in your place, the 1st thing I'd do would be to put Canada in my wife's name!"—*Sundial.* q

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In a San Diego address to a large group of Naval officers the other night, a Navy Speakers' Bureau lad, talking about the fine job the WAVES had done in the far Pacific in the last war, brought down the house with this twist on Churchill's famous line: "Never have so few gone so far to be with so many—who got so little!"—*HERB STEIN, Hollywood Reporter.* r



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Dirt Will Tell Your Fortune—
J D RATCLIFF, *Nation's Business*,
2-49.

We love our soil, or hate it; live by it and die for it. And, say the soil scientists, we are all pretty much what soil makes us.

The Vt farmer scowls at the shiftless Ala share-cropper. But if his grandfather had settled in Ala he would probably be in the same spot himself.

We have heard a great deal about what man has done to the soil—how he has misused it, despoiled it. But we have heard almost nothing of what soil has done—and is doing—to man himself. The dirt under our feet influences us in a hundred subtle ways . . . character, body build, mental processes. To a degree it even determines how we vote.

The Northeast is notoriously conservative, the West generally liberal. Perfectly understandable, say soil scientists. A New England farm has soil which, when cultivated, grows anything. This leads to self-sufficiency, and self-sufficiency leads to conservatism. Meanwhile, prairie soil produces only one crop; wheat. Farmers there have to co-operate or die—and co-operation pushes to the political left . . .

Even in the matter of marriage, say scientists, it isn't a bad idea to consult a soil map when choosing a wife.

Soil even plays a part in determining body shape. Where calcium and phosphorus are lacking, human beings tend to conserve these bone-bldg minerals. Thus, the people of India are smaller than the people of Sweden; the Japs are smaller than Texans . . .

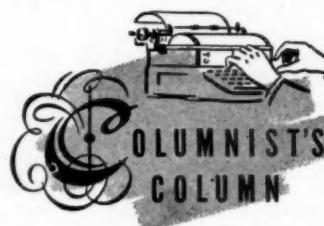
We regard it (soil) as a dead, inert stuff. Actually, it is miraculously alive . . . A fleck of dirt

the size of a pencil eraser may contain more than 2 billion microbes—more than there are people on earth . . .

Creation of the skin of topsoil which keeps the human race alive is the supreme miracle of the universe. A river at flood stage may lay down a ft of topsoil in an hr's time. On the other hand it may take 10 million to build a ft of soil on the slopes of a mountain . . .

Soil scientists find few points of agreement with those who say we have mined the soil of fertility and must inevitably pay a terrible price for having done so. On the contrary, they say man has done a pretty remarkable job in *increasing* soil productivity . . .

In sum, then, man appears to have done a creditable job with the soil. How good a job the soil has done in producing MAN, MODEL 1949 is more debatable.



You Work Far Less Time Than the Man in Europe To Buy a Loaf of Bread—GLENN WILLIAMS, *A P*, 2-19-'49.

A boilermaker in Kansas City smacks home half a doz rivets in 2 min's. It earns him a loaf of bread. The Italian who comes around to mend the furnace in a Rome apt works nearly half an hr for his loaf. In London, where govt subsidies pay a large part of bread cost, the boilermaker has to work twice as long for a loaf as does his Kansas City counterpart . . .

It is strange but, I think, true that in all of history there have been almost no great landscape painters. They have not done for landscape what men like Rembrandt have done for human portraiture. They have not given us pictures that would tell us the real character of the land—whether it is good or evil, exhausted or vitally productive—or help us to understand the forces that have made it what it is . . . Likewise, the poets have been extraordinarily blind to the earth, and man's relationship to it. Here are drama and beauty of deeper import than anything to be found in Milton, more profound tragedy than was ever achieved by Sophocles. If man is to be aware of his Antaean dependence, we need the support of the arts to bring that awareness alive.—WM VOGT, *Road to Survival*. (Sloane)

The average American complaining about expenses can take comfort from this fact: he works fewer hrs and gets a whale of a lot more for his labor than most of the people he's helping on (the other) side of the Atlantic . . .

While food is a major and continual expense, other items enter heavily into the ordinary man's budget. Most working men and many of their wives smoke. They need clothes. When prices are high, the ditchdigger or the boilerman can do without a new suit. But the bookkeeper needs one . . . In Washington, 33 hrs will get it. But look at these figures, expressing hrs of work for a new suit, in European cities: Copenhagen, 40; Amsterdam, 53; Helsinki, 73; Frankfurt, 81; London, 84; Madrid, 92; Athens, 117; Budapest, 130 . . .

Madrid's food prices are triple what they were immediately before the Spanish civil war . . . The Greek ditch-digger can earn his food in only 90% of the time it took in 1938—but it still takes a 60-hr wk to eat . . . Norway's skilled and unskilled workers get their food with less effort than prewar. The white-collar man works 9 hrs a mo longer to eat than he used to . . .

In gen'l, however, the working man is better off than prewar, altho his lot is still a poor one.

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